

(b) (16 points) Determine the radius and interval of convergence of the power series. You may use your answer from part (a) to assist with checking the endpoints.

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} (2x - 4)^k.$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-4)^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}}, \text{ find radius of conv } (R), \text{ IC}$$

→ write the series for $f(x)$ in "standard form", or in powers of $(x-c)$:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}} (x-2)^k \quad (c=2, a_k = \frac{2^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}})$$

→ apply the ratio test:

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{k+1}}{2^k} \frac{(k^4+5)^{1/5}}{((k+1)^4+5)^{1/5}}$$

$$= 2$$

$$\text{So that } R = \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{2}$$

→ to find the IC:

$$|x-2| < R \leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2} < x-2 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{2} < x < \frac{5}{2},$$

so the series definitely converges for all $x \in (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$. We need to check convergence at the end points when $x = \frac{3}{2}, x = \frac{5}{2}$.

$$\rightarrow f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$$

apply the AST:

- check for absolute convergence:
does $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$ converge or not?

intuition: looks "almost" like a p-series with $p = 4/5 \leq 1$, so we expect the series to diverge.

apply the LCI: compare to $b_k = \frac{1}{k^{4/5}}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{4/5}}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{4/5}}{k^{4/5} \left(1 + \frac{5}{k^4}\right)^{1/5}} = 1$$

So both series diverge. (so no absolute convergence)

- check for conditional convergence:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

→ check that a_k is decreasing

$$a_{k+1} = \frac{1}{((k+1)^4 + 5)^{1/5}} \leq a_k = \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} \quad \checkmark$$

So we get conditional convergence.

(so the series $f(x)$ converges at $x = 3/2$)

• Check for convergence at $x = \frac{5}{2}$

$$f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$$

This series diverges by the LCT that we applied above.

• So IC of the series is

$$\left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right).$$

$$\text{Evaluate: } S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n+5}{n+6}\right)$$

(final review sheet #17(c))

→ look at the n^{th} partial sums of the series:

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \ln\left(\frac{k+5}{k+6}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \ln(k+5) - \sum_{k=0}^n \ln(k+6) \end{aligned}$$

(these sums telescope, or
cancel)

$$= \ln(5) - \ln(n+6) \quad (*)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Now } S = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by } (*)}{=} \ln(5) - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n+6)$$

$$= -\infty$$

→ So the series S diverges.

$$\text{Evaluate: } S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+5}} \right]$$

(final review sheet #17(e))

→ we expect to get cancellation of most terms in the series

→ let

$$S_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}}$$

$$S_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+5}}$$

$$\text{So that } S = S_1 - S_2$$

$$\rightarrow S_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}} \quad (*)$$

$(n=1) \qquad (n=2)$

→ Shift the index of the last series in N (*):

$$M = N - 2 \leftrightarrow N = M + 2$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + S_2 \end{aligned}$$

→ Then

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S_1 - S_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + S_2 - S_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Evaluate: } S = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^p}, p > 1$$

→ let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p}$, so that

$$S = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} f(k)$$

→ we will apply the integral test.

First check the conditions we need to apply the integral test are true:

- $f(k)$ is positive for all $k \geq 2$ ✓
- $f(x)$ is continuous on $[2, \infty)$ ✓
- Show $f(k)$ is decreasing for all $k \geq 2$:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] = -\frac{1}{x^2(\ln x)^p} - \frac{p}{x^2(\ln x)^{p+1}}$$

< 0 whenever $x \geq 2$ ✓

→ the integral test tells us that S converges

if $I = \int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges (and diverges otherwise).

→ To see if I converges, apply the n-sub

$$\left(n = \ln(x), dn = \frac{dx}{x}; n(2) = \ln(2), \right)$$

$$\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} n(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x) = +\infty \right)$$

$$I = \int_{\ln(2)}^{\infty} \frac{dn}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1-p} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{p-1}} \Big|_{\ln(2)}^{\infty}, p > 1$$

$$\left(\text{Note: } p > 1 \iff p-1 > 0 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-p} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{p-1}} - \frac{1}{(\ln n)^{p-1}} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{1-p} \left[0 - \frac{1}{(\ln n)^{p-1}} \right]$$

= Constant depending on p

So I converges.

→ Hence, by the integral test,
S converges when $p > 1$.

$$\text{Evaluate: } S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right).$$

→ To determine convergence of S , we apply the n^{th} term test. It says that if $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \neq 0$, S diverges.

→ evaluate the limit using L'Hopital's rule:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)}{\frac{1}{k}} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0}, \text{ since } \tan(0)=0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k}=0 \right) \\ \text{by L'hop.} &\quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sec^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot \frac{d}{dk}\left[\frac{1}{k}\right]}{-\frac{1}{k^2}}, \text{ by the chain rule for derivatives} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\cos^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2(0)} = 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

→ So by the n^{th} term test, the series S diverges.

$$\text{Evaluate: } S = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \dots$$

→ Notice that

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)}$$

→ We can show that the series converges by comparing with the p-series $b_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$ in the LCT.

→ but we can do even better than that and find the exact value of S by seeing that S is a telescoping series

→ take partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{A}{(2k-1)} + \frac{B}{(2k+1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 = A(2k+1) + B(2k-1)$$

• when $k = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$1 = 2A \Leftrightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

• when $k = -\frac{1}{2}$:

$$1 = -2B \Leftrightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2k-1} - \frac{1}{2k+1} \right]$$

→ let $S_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k-1}$, $S_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1}$, so that

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(S_1 - S_2). \quad (*)$$

→ we expand S_1 as:

$$S_1 = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)} \quad (**)$$

→ Shift the index of the series in (**):

$$m = k-1 \longleftrightarrow k = m+1$$

so that

$$S_1 = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2m+1} = 1 + S_2 \quad (***)$$

→ Then (*) and (***):

$$S = \frac{1}{2} (1 + S_2 - S_2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Find a MacLaurin series for the function $g(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^3}$.

$$\rightarrow \text{let } f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

Notice that $f''(x) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$:

$$\frac{d^{(2)}}{dx^{(2)}} \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \right] = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$$

\rightarrow This means that

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cdot f''(x) \quad (*)$$

\rightarrow we will find a MacLaurin series for $f''(x)$:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \text{ when } |x| < 1 \text{ by a geometric series expansion with } r=x.$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [x^n]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot x^{n-1} \quad (**)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n, \text{ for } |x| < 1 \text{ by shifting the index in } (**)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) \frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+1)x^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2)x^n \quad (***)$$

→ So by (*) and (***) :

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2)x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (n+1)(n+2) x^{n+1} \quad (\text{****})$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) x^n, \text{ by shifting the index } n \text{ in (****)}$$

Find the sum of the series

$$S = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{8 \cdot 3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{32 \cdot 5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{2n+1}}{2^{2n+1} (2n+1)!} + \dots$$

→ Note that for any real t

$$\sin(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

→ Taking $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$, we see that

$$S = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1.$$

Use a MacLaurin Series to estimate

$$I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx \text{ to within an error of}$$

no more than 0.01.

→ first, for any $x \in [0, 1]$,

$$e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!} \quad (*)$$

→ Hence, integrating the series in (*) termwise, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 x^{2n} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \left. \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)} \right|_0^1 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! (2n+1)} \quad (**) \end{aligned}$$

→ Since (**) is an alternating series, for any $N > 0$:

$$\left| I - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{(-1)^k}{k! (2k+1)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{(N+1)! (2N+3)}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{100}$$

we have imposed this to
find large enough N to get the

desired error bound

→ Find the smallest $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ so that

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)!(2n+3)} \leq \frac{1}{100}$$

• when $n=0$: $\frac{1}{1! \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{3} \neq \frac{1}{100}$ \times

• when $n=1$: $\frac{1}{2! \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{10} \neq \frac{1}{100}$ \times

• when $n=2$: $\frac{1}{3! \cdot 7} = \frac{1}{42} \neq \frac{1}{100}$ \times

• when $n=3$: $\frac{1}{4! \cdot 9} = \frac{1}{24 \cdot 9} \leq \frac{1}{100}$ \checkmark

→ So an approximation to I that is accurate to within $\frac{1}{100}$ of its exact value is:

$$I \approx \sum_{k=0}^3 \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(2k+1)}$$